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Precast Concrete Panel Faced Structural Earth Wall Materials

General Materials

Concrete Leveling Pad

Leveling pad concrete shall be commercial concrete in accordance with Section 6-02.3(2)B.

Proprietary Materials

ARES Modular Panel Wall System

Tensar Geogrid Materials

Geogrid reinforcement shall conform to Section 9-33.1, and shall be a product listed in Appendix D of the current WSDOT Qualified Products List (QPL). The values of T_{al} and T_{ult} as listed in the QPL for the products used shall meet or exceed the values required for the wall manufacturer's reinforcement design as specified in the structural earth wall design calculation and working drawing submittal.

The minimum ultimate tensile strength of the geogrid shall be a minimum average roll value (the average test results for any sampled roll in a lot shall meet or exceed the values shown in Appendix D of the current WSDOT QPL). The strength shall be determined in accordance with ASTM D 6637 for multi-rib specimens.

The ultraviolet (UV) radiation stability, in accordance with ASTM D 4355, shall be a minimum of 70 percent strength retained after 500 hours in the weatherometer.

The longitudinal (i.e., in the direction of loading) and transverse (i.e., parallel to the wall or slope face) ribs that make up the geogrid shall be perpendicular to one another. The maximum deviation of the cross-rib from being perpendicular to the longitudinal rib (skew) shall be no more than 1 inch in 5 feet of geogrid width. The maximum deviation of the cross-rib at any point from a line perpendicular to the longitudinal ribs located at the cross-rib (bow) shall be 0.5 inches.

The Engineer will take random samples of the geogrid materials at the job site. Approval of the geogrid materials will be based on testing of samples from each lot. A "lot" shall be defined as all geogrid rolls sent to the project site produced by the same manufacturer during a continuous period of production at the same manufacturing plant having the same product name. The Contracting Agency will require 14 calendar days maximum for testing the samples after their arrival at the WSDOT Materials Laboratory in Tumwater, WA.

The geogrid samples will be tested for conformance to the specified material properties. If the test results indicate that the geogrid lot does not meet the specified properties, the roll or rolls which were samples will be rejected. Two additional rolls for each roll tested which failed from the lot previously tested will then be selected at random by the Engineer for sampling and retesting. If the retesting shows that any of the additional rolls tested do not meet the specified properties, the entire lot will be

rejected. If the test results from all the rolls retested meet the specified properties, the entire lot minus the roll(s) which failed will be accepted.

All geogrid materials which have defects, deterioration, or damage, as determined by the Engineer, will be rejected. All rejected geogrid materials shall be replaced at no expense to the Contracting Agency.

Except as otherwise noted, geogrid identification, storage and handling shall conform to the requirements specified in Section 2-12.2. The geogrid materials shall not be exposed to temperatures less than –20F and greater than 122F.

Rubber bearing pads shall be a type and grade as recommended by Tensar Earth Technologies, Inc.

Geosynthetic joint cover for all horizontal and vertical joints shall be a non-woven geosynthetic as recommended by Tensar Earth Technologies, Inc. Adhesive used to attach the geosynthetic to the rear of the precast concrete facing panel shall be as recommended by Tensar Earth Technologies, Inc.

Reinforced Earth Wall

Reinforcing strips shall be shop fabricated from hot rolled steel conforming to ASTM A 572 Grade 65 or approved equal, and shall be galvanized after fabrication in accordance with AASHTO M 111. Damage to the galvanizing shall be repaired with one coat of Formula A-9-73 paint conforming to Section 9-08.2.

Bolts and nuts shall conform to Section 9-06.5(3), and shall be galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 232.

Rubber bearing pads shall be a type and grade as recommended by the Reinforced Earth Company.

Vertical joint filler between panels, when specified in the structural earth wall working drawings, shall be two inch square, flexible open cell polyether foam strips, Grade UU-34, as recommended by the Reinforced Earth Company.

Filter fabric joint cover for all horizontal and vertical joints, when specified in the structural earth wall working drawings, shall be a pervious woven polypropylene filter fabric as recommended by the Reinforced Earth Company. Adhesive used to attach the fabric material to the rear of the precast concrete facing panel shall be as recommended by the Reinforced Earth Company.

Reinforced Soil Wall

Reinforcing mesh shall be shop fabricated of cold drawn steel wire conforming to AASHTO M 32, and shall be welded into finished mesh fabric conforming to AASHTO M 55. Reinforcing mesh shall be galvanized after fabrication in accordance with AASHTO M 111. Damage to the galvanizing shall be repaired with one coat of paint conforming to Section 9-08.1(2)B.

MSE Plus Wall

Pins connecting the soil reinforcing mesh to the precast concrete panels shall conform to AASHTO M 32 and shall be galvanized after fabrication in accordance with AASHTO M 111. Damage to the galvanizing shall be repaired with one coat of paint conforming to Section 9-08.1(2)B.

Bearing pads shall be serrated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) copolymer pads as recommended by SSL, LLC.

Filter fabric joint cover for all horizontal and vertical joints shall be non-woven geosynthetic conforming to AASHTO M 288. Adhesive used to bond the geosynthetic to the rear of the precast concrete facing panel shall be as recommended by SSL, LLC.